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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Manabu Kanesaka (Reg. No. 31,467) on 7/25/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

In claim 3 line 3, "around the connecting portion" has been deleted.

In claim 3 lines 4-5, "insertion ^{port}~~portion~~ at the other side of the" has been deleted.

In claim 9 line 1, "1" has been changed to --5--.

In claim 10 line 1, "1" has been changed to --5--.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joselynn Y. Sliteris whose telephone number is 571-272-6675. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon, Tues & Thurs 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul N. Dickson can be reached on 571-272-6669. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.